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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

In re:	§ Chapter 11
ADPT DFW Holdings LLC, et al.,	§ Case No. 17-31432
Debtors.	§ Jointly Administered unde Case No. 17-31432

LITIGATION TRUST'S SEVENTEENTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO BOOKS AND RECORDS CLAIMS (NO LIABILITY)

THIS IS AN OBJECTION TO YOUR CLAIM. THE LITIGATION TRUST IS OBJECTING TO YOUR CLAIM BECAUSE YOUR CLAIM ASSERTS AMOUNTS THAT CONTRADICT THE DEBTORS' BOOKS AND RECORDS, INCLUDING THE DEBTORS' SCHEDULES.

YOU SHOULD LOCATE YOUR CLAIM ON <u>EXHIBIT 1</u> ATTACHED HERETO. A COPY OF YOUR CLAIM MAY BE OBTAINED FREE OF CHARGE BY CONTACTING THE TRUST, PATRICIA JEFFRIES at <u>PJEFFRIES@PSZJLAW.COM</u> OR EPIQ BANKRUPTCY SOLUTIONS LLC at <u>ADEPTUS@EPIQSYSTEMS.COM</u>, OR BY VISTING <u>HTTP://DM.EPIQ11.COM/ADPT</u>.

NO HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THIS OBJECTION UNLESS A WRITTEN RESPONSE IS FILED WITH THE CLERK OF THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT AT 1100 COMMERCE STREET, ROOM 1254, DALLAS, TEXAS 75201 PRIOR TO THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON DECEMBER 12, 2018, WHICH IS NO LESS THAN 33 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF SERVICE HEREOF.

THE WRITTEN RESPONSE MUST ALSO BE SERVED UPON BRADFORD J. SANDLER AND SHIRLEY S. CHO, COUNSEL FOR THE TRUST, PRIOR TO THE DATE AND TIME SET FORTH HEREIN. IF A RESPONSE IS FILED, A HEARING WILL BE HELD WITH NOTICE ONLY TO THE RESPONDING PARTY. IF NO RESPONSE IS FILED AND

SERVED AS SET FORTH HEREIN, THE RELIEF REQUESTED HEREIN SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE UNOPPOSED, AND THE COURT MAY ENTER AN ORDER GRANTING THE RELIEF SOUGHT.

The Adeptus Litigation Trust (the "Trust") files this omnibus objection (the "Objection") pursuant to section 502 and 105(a) of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101–1532 (the "Bankruptcy Code"), Rule 3007 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules") and the Claims Objection Procedures (defined below), to proofs of claim that assert amounts that contradict the Debtors' books and records and/or assert amounts for which the Debtors are not liable. Through this Objection, the Trust seeks the entry of an order disallowing and expunging the proofs of claim identified on Exhibit 1 annexed hereto (collectively, the "Books and Records Claims"). In support of this Objection, the Trust submits the declaration of David J. Mack, of Drivetrain LLC (the "Declaration"), a copy of which is attached hereto and respectfully states as follows:

I. <u>JURISDICTION, VENUE, AND AUTHORITY</u>

1. This Court has jurisdiction over this Objection pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157(a) and 1334(a), and Article 12.1 of the Plan. Consideration of this Objection is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(B). Venue is proper in this District and in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. This Court has authority to enter a final order in this matter.

II. RELEVANT BACKGROUND

2. On April 19, 2017, ADPT DFW Holdings LLC and its affiliated entities (collectively, the "Debtors") each filed a voluntary petition with this Court under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors retained Epic Bankruptcy Solutions, LLC as their claims and administrative agent who, among other things, maintained the official claims register in the Debtors' cases (the "Claims Register").

- 3. On September 13, 2017, the Debtors filed their *Third Amended Joint Plan* of Reorganization under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code (the "Plan") [Dkt. No. 719]. On September 27, 2017, the Court confirmed the Plan and on September 29, 2017, entered the *Order Confirming Debtors' Third Amended Joint Plan of Reorganized Under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* (the "Confirmation Order") [Dkt. No. 821]. The Plan became effective on October 2, 2017 (the "Effective Date"). *See* Dkt. No. 826.
- 4. Pursuant to the Plan, Alan J. Carr of Drivetrain Advisors and Drivetrain LLC was appointed as the initial Trustee of the Trust to administer the Trust in accordance with the terms of the Trust and Plan for the benefit of the Trust beneficiaries. Consistent with the procedures established in the Trust and Plan, Drivetrain LLC has replaced Alan J. Carr as the Trustee of the Trust. Pursuant to Article 6.5 of the Plan and Article 4 of the Trust, the Trustee is vested with the authority to prosecute objections to a wide variety of pre-petition claims, including those identified in this Objection, from and after the Effective Date of the Plan.
- 5. On June 15, 2018, the Court entered an *Order Granting Litigation Trust's Motion to Establish Claim Objection Procedures* [Dkt. No. 1338] ("Claims Procedures Order"). The Claims Procedure Order allows the Trust to file objections to claims using the negative notice provisions under Local Rule 9007 and to file omnibus objections on various additional grounds other than those set forth in Bankruptcy Rule 3007(d).
- 6. The Books and Records Claims. The Trust has identified the claims on Exhibit 1 hereto that assert amounts that contradict the Debtors' books and records and/or assert amounts for which the Debtors are not liable pursuant to its books and records. Accordingly, to prevent an unwarranted recovery by the claimants asserting the Books and Records Claims to the

detriment of other creditors, the Trust requests that the Court disallow and expunge the Books and Records Claims from the Claims Register.

III. BASIS FOR RELIEF REQUESTED

A. The Trust Has Met The Burden of Proof on the Objection.

- 7. Pursuant to Section 502(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, a filed proof of claim is deemed allowed, unless a party in interest objects. 11 U.S.C. § 502(a). A properly executed and filed proof of claim constitutes prima facie evidence of the validity and the amount of the claim under section 502(a) of the Bankruptcy Code. Fed. R. Bankr. P. 3001(f). To receive the benefit of prima facie validity, however, a proof of claim must assert factual allegations which would entitle the claimant to a recovery. In re Heritage Org., LLC, 04-35574 (BJH), 206 WL 6508477, at *8 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. Jan. 27, 2006). Additionally, a claimant's proof of claim is entitled to the presumption of prima facie validity under Bankruptcy Rule 3001(f) only until an objecting party refutes at least one of the allegations that is essential to the claim's legal sufficiency. In re Starnes, 231 B.R. 903, 912 (N.D. Tex. 1998). Once an allegation is refuted, "the burden shifts to the claimant to prove by a preponderance of the evidence." In re Congress, LLC, 529 B.R. 213, 219 (Bankr. W.D. Tex. 2015); see also Cavu/Rock Props. Project I, LLC v. Gold Star Constr., Inc. (In re Cavu/Rock Props. Project I, LLC), 516 B.R. 414, 422 (Bankr. W.D. Tex. 2014). "The ultimate burden of proof always lies with the claimant." In re Armstrong, 347 B.R. 581, 583 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. 2006).
- 8. If the Books and Records Claims are not disallowed and expunged or modified, the potential exists for the claimants to receive an unwarranted recovery against the Debtors, to the detriment of other similarly-situated creditors. As set forth in the Declaration, the Debtors' books and records do not reflect any amount owing to claimants on account of the

Books and Records Claims, and accordingly, the Trust seeks the entry of the Proposed Order attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

B. The Omnibus Procedures Have Been Properly Followed.

- 9. An omnibus objection is appropriate in this case because the Claims

 Objection Procedure permits claims filed against the Debtors to which the amount claimed

 contradicts the Debtors' books and records, including the Debtors' schedules, to be objected to

 on an omnibus basis. Bankruptcy Rule 3007(f) provides that "[t]he finality of any order

 regarding a claim objection included in an omnibus objection shall be determined as though the

 claim had been subject to an individual objection." FED. R. BANKR. P. 3007(f).
- 10. In compliance with Bankruptcy Rule 3007 and Local Bankruptcy Rule 3007-1, as modified by the Claims Procedures Order, a copy of the Objection was served on: (1) the holders of the Books and Records Claims by first class mail to the addresses listed on the Books and Records Claims, as well as on the person identified on the signature block of the Books and Records Claims; (2) the United States Trustee; and (3) counsel to the Reorganized Debtors. The notice of the Objection has also been served on those who have requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002. The holders of the Books and Records Claims have also been provided at least thirty-three (33) days from service of the Objection to file a written response to the Objection and the Books and Records Claims have been listed in alphabetical order on Exhibit 1 attached hereto.

IV. RESPONSE BY CLAIMANT

11. If any claimant believes that any of the Books and Records Claims should not be disallowed, it must present affirmative evidence demonstrating the validity of its Books and Records Claim(s) by way of a written response that contains the following:

- (a) A concise statement setting forth the reasons why the Books and Records Claim(s) should not be disallowed for the reasons set forth in the Objection, including, but not limited to, the specific factual and legal bases upon which the claimant will rely in opposing the Objection;
- (b) A copy of all documentation or other evidence of the Books and Records Claim(s), to the extent not included with the proof of claim, upon which the claimant will rely in opposing the Objection at the hearing; and
- (c) A list of witnesses who may testify on behalf of the claimant at the hearing.

As noted on the first page of this Objection, written responses must be filed with the Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court and served on Bradford J. Sandler and Shirley S. Cho, counsel for the Trust, no later than December 12, 2018.

V. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

12. This Objection is limited to the grounds stated herein. Accordingly, it is without prejudice to the rights of the Trust or any other party in interest to object to any of the Books and Records Claims (to the extent not disallowed and expunged pursuant to this Objection) on any grounds whatsoever, and the Trust expressly reserves all further substantive or procedural objections it may have should the Objection be overruled. The Trust reserves its right to object on other stated grounds or on any other grounds that it discovers during the pendency of these bankruptcy cases. In addition, the Trust reserves the right to file counterclaims against the holders of any such claims.

VI. NOTICE

13. The Trust has provided notice of this Objection to: (a) all claimants holding the Books and Records Claims and counsel, if any, listed on **Exhibit 1**; (b) the Office of the United States Trustee; (c) counsel for the Reorganized Debtors; and (d) all parties that have filed a request to receive service of court filings pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002.

Additionally, the Trust has prepared a form "Notice of Objection to Your Claim" attached hereto as **Exhibit A** to accompany service of the Objection. Pursuant to the Claims Procedure Order, the Trust respectfully submits that no further notice is required.

VII. CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated in the Objection, the Trust respectfully requests entry of an order in substantially the same form as the proposed order attached hereto as **Exhibit B** (a) sustaining this Objection; (b) disallowing and expunging the Books and Records Claims; (c) reserving all rights to object on any other ground, and (d) granting such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Dated: November 9, 2018 PACHULSKI STANG ZIEHL & JONES LLP

/s/ Steven W. Golden

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In re:		§ §	Chapter 11
ADPT DFW Holdings LLC,	et al.,	§	Case No. 17-31432
	Debtors.	\ \ \ \ \ \ \	Jointly Administered under Case No. 17-31432

DECLARATION OF DAVID J. MACK IN SUPPORT OF THE LITIGATION TRUST'S SEVENTEENTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO BOOKS AND RECORDS CLAIMS (NO LIABILITY)

- I, David J. Mack, hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct:
- 1. I am over the age of 18 years of age. I am retained by Drivetrain LLC ("<u>Drivetrain</u>"). Drivetrain is the Trustee of the Adeptus Litigation Trust. I am authorized to submit this declaration (the "<u>Declaration</u>") in support of the *Litigation Trust's Seventeenth Omnibus Objection to Books and Records Claims (No Liability)* (the "<u>Objection</u>"), and I am familiar with the information contained therein, either from personal knowledge, information

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¹ Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Objection.

supplied by the Reorganized Debtors, my review of the relevant documents regarding the Debtors' bankruptcy cases, finances and/or business affairs, the Debtors' books and records, and the Trust documents. I make this Declaration on the basis of my review of the claims referenced in the Objection and the Debtors' books and records regarding the claimants.

- 2. I have familiarity with the claims review process. In that capacity, I have reviewed the Books and Records Claims, and am directly familiar with the information contained therein. Additionally, I have read the Objection and the proposed order with respect to the Objection. The Books and Records Claims were reviewed and analyzed in good faith and by utilizing due diligence by appropriate personnel.
- 3. Based upon these efforts and to the best of my knowledge, I have determined that the Debtors' books and records do not show any amount owing on account of the Books and Records Claims. Further, absent the relief requested in the Objection, I believe the Trust's timely reconciliation and administration of claims will be unduly delayed.
- 4. Accordingly, based upon my review of the Books and Records Claims subject to the Objection, I believe that the relief sought in the Objection is in the best interests of the Trust, the Debtors' estates, and creditors.

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Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing

is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Dated: November 9, 2018

David J. Mack

EXHIBIT 1

Books and Records Claims

Books and Records Claims

CLAIMANT	CLAIM NO.	DEBTOR NAME	FILED UNSECURED AMOUNT	TOTAL FILED CLAIM AMOUNT
BUMBALOUGH, GLORIA	1958	ADPT DFW Holdings LLC	Unliquidated	Unliquidated
ESTEVEZ, LISA	2444	Adeptus Health Inc.	Unliquidated	Unliquidated
JOHNSON & JOHNSON HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS INC	600	Kingwood Medical Center LLC	\$49,115.35	\$49,115.35
JOHNSON & JOHNSON HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS INC	601	ADPT DFW Holdings LLC	\$207,003.11	\$207,003.11
KINANE, STEPHEN	1907	ADPT DFW Holdings LLC	Unliquidated	Unliquidated
KINZIE-CANZONIERI, SANDRA L	2002	ADPT DFW Holdings LLC	Unliquidated	Unliquidated
PITTS, SAENG K.	1905	ADPT DFW Holdings LLC	Unliquidated	Unliquidated
SHIPLEY, KATHY	1916	Multiple Debtors	Unliquidated	unliquidated
WONG, DIXIE LEE	2058	ADPT DFW Holdings LLC	Unliquidated	Unliquidated

EXHIBIT A

Notice of Objection to Your Claim

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Jointly Administered under Case No. 17-31432

NOTICE OF OBJECTION TO YOUR CLAIM

TO: THE CLAIMANTS IDENTIFIED IN EXHIBIT 1 TO THE LITIGATION TRUST'S SEVENTEENTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO BOOKS AND RECORDS CLAIMS (NO LIABILITY)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Adeptus Litigation Trust ("<u>Trust</u>") has filed an objection ("<u>Objection</u>") to disallow certain proofs of claim that assert amounts that contradict the Debtors' books and records and/or assert amounts for which the Debtors are not liable on the basis that the Debtors' books and records do not show any liability due on account of the asserted claims. You should locate your name on "Exhibit 1" to the Objection. Because the Trust seeks to disallow and expunge your claim ("<u>Books and Records Claim</u>"), you should read this notice and the attached Objection carefully.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that no hearing will be conducted on the Objection unless a <u>written</u> response is filed with the clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court at 1100 Commerce Street, Room 1254, Dallas, Texas 75201 prior to the close of business on December 12, 2018, which is no less than 33 days from the date of service hereof. A copy of the response must be served upon Bradford J. Sandler and Shirley S. Cho, counsel for the Trust, on or before December 12, 2018. If a response is timely filed, a hearing will be held with notice only to the responding party. If no response is filed and served as set forth herein, the relief

requested herein shall be deemed to be unopposed, and the Court may enter an order granting the relief sought.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to the *Order Regarding Telephonic Appearances* (Dkt. No. 62), prior court approval is not required for telephonic appearances by non-attorney parties who desire to participate in "listen-in only" mode. If counsel is presenting evidence, questioning witnesses, or intending to make extensive legal argument, then counsel must obtain prior approval for a telephonic appearance by email requested to sgj_settings@txnb.uscourts.gov at least 24 hours prior to the hearing. Counsel and non-attorney parties must set up each telephonic appearance with CourtCall the day before the hearing, if not sooner. The contact number for CourtCall is (866) 582-6878.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that nothing in this Notice or the accompanying Objection constitutes a waiver of the right of the Trust to assert any claims, counterclaims, rights of offset or recoupment, preference actions, fraudulent-transfer actions, or any other bankruptcy or non-bankruptcy claims or objections against you or the Books and Records Claims, including any additional objections regarding the allowance of the Books and Records Claims.

Dated: November 9, 2018 PACHULSKI STANG ZIEHL & JONES LLP

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EXHIBIT B

Proposed Order

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ORDER GRANTING LITIGATION TRUST'S SEVENTEENTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO BOOKS AND RECORDS CLAIMS (NO LIABILITY)

The Court considered the *Litigation Trust's Seventeenth Omnibus Objection to Books and Records Claims (No Liability)* (the "Objection") filed by the Adeptus Litigation Trust (the "Trust") pursuant to which the Trust seeks to disallow the Books and Records Claims; the Court having reviewed the Objection and finding that (a) the Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334, (b) this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2), (c) notice of the Objection and of the hearing on the Objection was sufficient under the circumstances and in full compliance with the requirements of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules and the Local Rules, and (d) that good cause appears for the relief requested, it is therefore **HEREBY ORDERED THAT**:

- 1. The Objection is SUSTAINED.
- 2. Each of the Books and Records Claims identified on **Exhibit 1** attached hereto is disallowed and expunged in its entirety.
- 3. The Trust, or the claims agent, Epiq Bankruptcy Solutions, LLC, as applicable, is authorized to update the Claims Register in these cases to reflect the relief granted in this Order.

- 4. The Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.
- 5. This Court retains jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation of this Order.
- 6. Each of the Books and Records Claims and the objections by the Trust to such Books and Records Claims, constitutes a separate contested matter as contemplated by Bankruptcy Rule 9014. This Order shall be deemed a separate Order with respect to each of the Books and Records Claims.

END OF ORDER